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U.S. LENTIL EXPORTS

CURRENT SERIAL RECORDS

IN 1966 DOWN SLIGHTLY

Lentil exports from the United States during the calendar year 1966 totaled 447,754 cwt., down 16 percent from the 1965 record high level of 531,021 cwt. Prior to 1965, export data for lentils were available only for that part of the trade passing through Pacific Northwest ports. For this reason, the 1960-64 average figures are not strictly comparable with the 1965 and 1966 figures. Pacific Northwest exports in 1966 totaled 398,247 cwt., 84 percent of the total compared with 531,000 cwt. or 89 percent of the total in 1965.

Europe continues to be the principal market for U.S. lentils, taking 74 percent of the total exports. The largest single market was West Germany which imported 189,457 cwt., 42 percent of the total U.S. export. The Netherlands, Venezuela, and Panama were other leading importers of U.S. lentils in 1966.

Formerly an importer of lentils, the United States has now become one of the world's larger exporters. Syria is currently the largest exporter; other leading exporters are Lebanon, Chile, Turkey, and Ethiopia.

LENTILS: U.S. exports, average 1960-64, annual 1965 and 1966, calendar years

Destination	Average 1960-64	1965	1966
	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
North America:			
Canada	--	1,440	403
Canal Zone	4,512	--	--
Costa Rica	155	335	1,030
Cuba	222	--	--
Dominican Republic	88	160	116
El Salvador	5	--	--
French West Indies	409	1,679	800
Guatemala	53	14	--
Leeward and Windward Islands	--	80	723
Mexico	67	1,990	3,284
Panama	4,072	19,514	27,028
Puerto Rico	47	--	--
Trinidad and Tobago	20	4,247	7,268
Total	9,650	29,459	40,652
South America:			
Brazil	4,444	--	--
Colombia	17,920	60	11,091
Peru	3,155	4,400	13,352
Surinam	--	200	--
Venezuela	13,014	19,066	35,798
Total	38,533	23,726	60,241
Europe:			
EEC:			
Belgium-Luxembourg	4,814	6,758	4,216
France	5,758	43,072	23,698
Germany, West	68,975	200,992	189,457
Italy	289	12,586	14,852
Netherlands	156,485	138,444	64,510
Total EEC	236,321	401,852	296,733
Austria	--	1,430	880
Denmark	--	1,100	--
Germany, East	--	30,900	--
Greece	101	4,126	27,376
Norway	4	--	--
Spain	592	23,049	5,139
Sweden	65	496	1,030
Switzerland	--	2,530	1,352
United Kingdom	--	--	224
Yugoslavia	88	--	--
Total Europe	237,171	465,483	332,734
Asia:			
Arabia	20	--	240
Bahrein	--	31	--
Iraq	761	--	--
Israel	--	109	--
Japan	52	--	--
Korea, Republic of	--	--	40
Kuwait	--	1,020	1,224
Philippine Republic	124	423	373
Saudi Arabia	--	786	788
Thailand	--	--	50
Total	957	2,369	2,715
Africa:			
Guinea	--	2,484	--
Liberia	--	24	10
Libya	--	24	--
South Africa, Republic of	--	--	400
Total	--	2,532	410
Oceania:			
Australia	555	5,565	9,348
French Pacific Islands	--	1,887	1,654
Total	555	7,452	11,002
Grand Total	286,531	531,021	447,754